



**NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

*Newport News*

## Headlines

Habitat For Humanity

Builder Basketball Updates

Holiday Dinner Dance

Jaycees Student Chapter



## Upcoming Events

Men's Basketball Jan 5th  
@6PM

Women's Basketball Jan  
12th @ 5PM

Apprentice School  
Graduation Jan 21st  
@8PM

Women's Basketball Jan  
28th @5PM



# Headlines

Northrop Grumman Newport News is partnering with the Peninsula Habitat for Humanity to build the "Labor Management House" for future homeowner, Maleka Copling. On November 23, a "keel laying" ceremony was held and attended by representatives from Northrop Grumman Newport News, Local 8888, Habitat for Humanity, and the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority. "This is probably the first house in America that started with a keel laying," said Danny Hunley, Northrop Grumman Newport News director of Trades, Education and Training. For the Nov. 23 "keel laying", the future street number of the home was inscribed on a metal plate by future inhabitant Maleka Copling and Northrop Grumman Newport News welder Neal Metcalf welded the numbers to the plate. The plate will be permanently attached to the home when it is finished. "I always dreamed of owning my own home," Copling said, "but I never thought I'd be this blessed." Habitat for Humanity has built more than 150,000 houses worldwide which have sheltered more than 750,000 needy people. Any apprentice wishing to volunteer their time to the "Labor Management House" can contact Ralph Stalter at (757)342-8077. Volunteers are needed and donations are being accepted.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know how excited I am to be in charge of the newsletter this year. I have only been part of the Apprentice School Student Association, (ASSA) for about 6 months and I have truly enjoyed the time I spent writing articles for the newsletter. I look forward to take what I have learned from Dave McDade, 2005 Executive Council President, and apply my ideas to continue to bring you a great newsletter. For those of you who have gotten so used seeing my name as you turn through those pages...don't worry I'll still put in a few articles here and there. Thanks to all our readers from the Newsletter Staff!

Kareem Solomon  
2005 Newsletter Chair

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# Updates

## Builder Basketball

The basketball season has kicked off and the men's and women's teams have started off with 1 and 3 records. The women's team started off with a 69 to 55 victory over Briarcliffe in the Great Ships Invitational Tournament and advanced to the second round where they lost to the Southern Virginia University Knights 69 to 64. Then on November 29 the Lady Builders played against Mount Olive Lady Trojans and unfortunately lost 64 to 43.

The men's team is off to a similar start. The first game of the season found them playing against Wheeling Jesuit University in the Fairmont State Tip-off Classic. Despite some good hustle the Builders lost 78 to 58 in the first round of the tournament. In the second round of the tournament the Builders defeated division 2 Fairmont State College 78 to 68. November 30<sup>th</sup> the Builders got off to a slow start against Averett University and were defeated 81 to 65.

By: Chris Guthrie

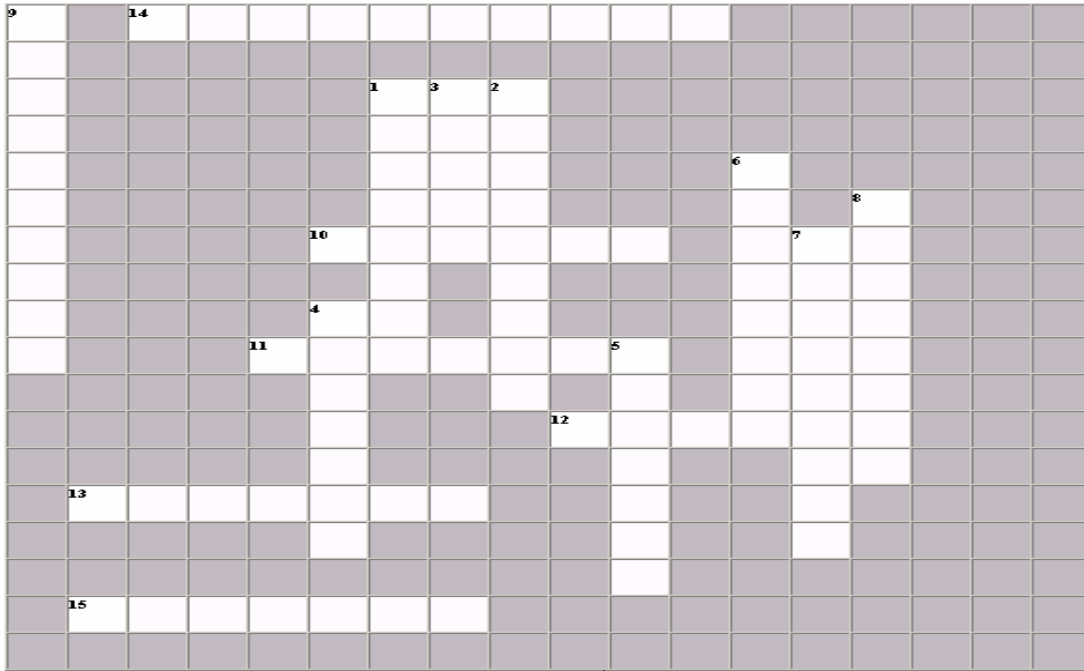
For those of you who couldn't make it to the Christmas Dinner Dance, it was a blast. It was this apprentice's first time attending the holiday event and it made me regret not going to the dances of previous years. The dance was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Waterside Marriot in downtown Norfolk. Festivities kicked off at around 6:30 in the evening and continued on until midnight. The dinner dance is held every year and is a great way to get to know other apprentices, faculty, and craft instructors. It gives you a chance to see how your co-workers are outside of the yard and how good your teachers and craft instructors are at dancing! That's right, about half the faculty that showed up were doing the "cha cha" on the dance floor ( i.e. Mr. Satchel, Mrs. Harrington, and Coach Lewis) , trust me there are pictures to prove it! The location of the dance was great because of how close it was to Waterside, and its clubs and bars, where many of the apprentices ended up at after the dance was over. It's a shame that more people couldn't attend the dance but hopefully more will consider going next year.

By: Chris Guthrie

I am pleased to announce that the Apprentice School is the first school to establish a student chapter for the Peninsula Jaycees. To become a member in the Peninsula Jaycees you must be between the ages of 21 and 40. It includes the membership in the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber International. To learn more about becoming a member contact David McDade, ASSA President, at (757) 876-6220.

By: Vanessa Byrd

# New Years Crossword



## Down

1. The newsletter staff is saying good-bye to this jokster.
2. The new class chair in charge of committee points.
3. Several countries use the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar to determine new years.
4. The Irish new years celebration is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The number 4 new years resolution is to quit \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The number 6 new years resolution is to quit \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The guy on TV at New Years that doesn't seem to age.
8. Reason to not work on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. What famous place does the ball drop on new years eve?

## Across

10. The new chair person of the newsletter committee.
11. The Apprentice School has the first collegiate chapter of this organization.
12. The former chair of newsletter who is moving up to Pres. of ASSA.
13. The number 3 new years resolution.
14. The new years festival of Samhain means \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Chinese new year last 15 days ending on the \_\_\_\_\_ Festival.

## Dipdaddy's Final Quiz

Vince Dobyms frequently has to travel for Northrop Grumman, which gives him a chance to meet many people from all parts of the USA. In April, Vince flew to 5 different US cities on business and he flew a different airline each time. During each trip he chatted with the person next to him, and no

2 people he talked to were in the same profession. From the following information, can you determine the date Vince made each flight (each was on a Monday exactly 1 week apart starting on April 2), the airline he flew, his destination, and the profession of the person who sat next to him on each flight?

1. 3 consecutive flights were, in order from first to last, the flight Vince took with Southwest Air, the flight where he sat next to the teacher, and the flight he took to Atlanta.
2. Vince sat beside the sports coach on a flight some time earlier in the month than the one he took to Seattle.
3. The week he flew United was some time earlier in the month than the trip to Boston, which was some time earlier in the month than the trip where he sat next to the ballet dancer.
4. It wasn't on the trip to San Diego where Vince sat next to the doctor.
5. Vince didn't fly Delta on his trip to Seattle, and he didn't fly Southwest Air on the trip where he sat next to the sports coach.
6. Atlanta was not Vince's destination on the trip where he made the acquaintance of the ballet dancer.

The American Air flight was exactly 2 weeks before the flight where Vince passed the time chatting with the attorney.

# Newsletter Farewells

I have poured my mind and heart into those letters over the past few years. The Builder Bulletin has graciously given me a forum to serve my cake, and may very well be right in asking me to finish it with a little different icing than I originally intended. Thank you all so much for allowing me to come into your homes for the last two years. I've tried to share my thoughts and entertain with a little humor; but most of all I've attempted to set a standard of fairness by strongly taking my positions, while at the same time objectively recognizing counter positions. I've tried to be a voice for quiet ones who share some of my positions, but may lack the confidence to speak out. I've told the truth as I've seen it. I've given the people the benefit of the doubt. And in my last few months I have mainly focused on silly articles or some sort of brain teaser and gotten away from my serious articles of the past, such as "Engineers View On Santa Claus." It saddens me to depart from the Publications Committee, but I am forced to move forward and put forth a new emphasis for the Apprentice School as the new Class Chair. I have truly enjoyed my time here and hopefully will continue this delight wherever my future may take me.

*Dipdaddy* (a.k.a. Dave Culpepper)

When things end whether it's a career or a relationship, people tend to get sad. Endings are not always sad because they are the beginning of a change that is about to occur. As the saying goes "For every door that closes a new one opens." Although the door to my writing career on the Bulletin closes, the door of Treasurer opens. I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share their experiences, challenges, and triumphs with the readers. It's been a wonderful experience and I wish Kareem and the future writers great success. I leave you these three things to remember:

- 1. Keep a positive attitude**
- 2. Knowledge is the key to great things.**
- 3. Stay in school the rewards are worth it.**



By: Linda McMillian

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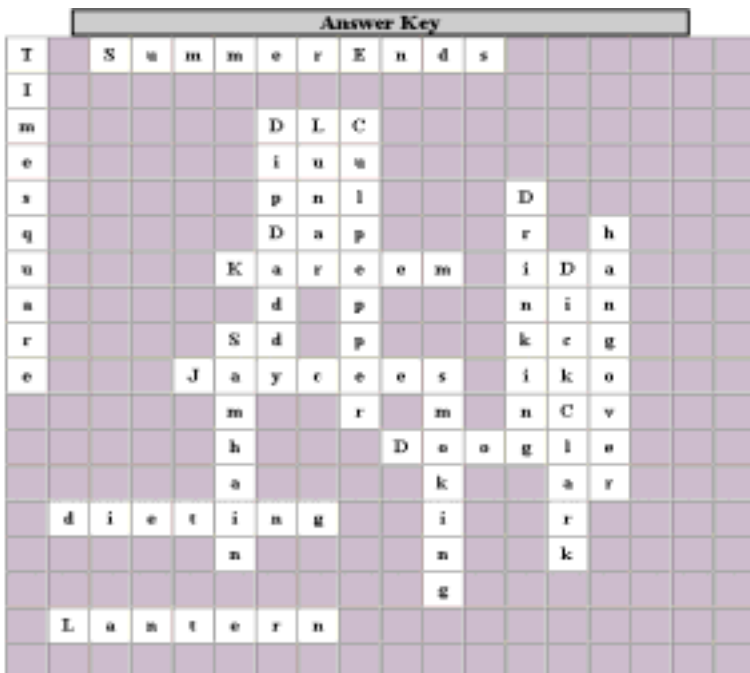
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## Fun Quiz Answer

**Dates:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Airline:** United, American, MidUSA Air, Delta, Southwest Air

**Destination:** Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, San Diego, Seattle

**Seat Mate:** Attorney, Ballet Dancer, Doctor, Sports Coach, Teacher